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**DECISION ON PETITION**

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In re Application of:  
Paul Lapstun, et al.  
Application No. 09/575,109  
Filed: May 23, 2000  
For: PRINTED PAGE TAG ENCODER

This is a response to the request for withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, filed March 9, 2004 which is treated as a petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, no fee is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 24, 2004.

Petitioner alleges to have timely filed a response by facsimile transmission to the Office Action on October 7, 2003. Petitioner provided with the petition, copies of a Facsimile Transmission Report, a Facsimile Transmittal Form, and a copy of the alleged timely Response.

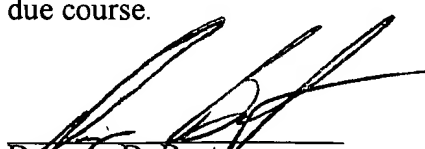
37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) states that in the event that correspondence is considered timely filed by being mailed or transmitted in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, but not received in the Patent and Trademark Office, and the application is held to be abandoned or the proceeding dismissed, terminated, or decided with prejudice, the correspondence will be considered timely if the party who forwarded such correspondence:

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Although the petition lacked a personal statement by Simon Robert Walmsley or Paul Lapstun, i.e., the individuals that signed the certification of transmission, Petitioner does provide a copy of the facsimile transmittal report which confirms transmission to a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office facsimile number.

Accordingly, the petition is **Granted**. The Notice of Abandonment is vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

The application will be forwarded to the Technology Center's technical support staff for entry of petition the response. From there, the file will be forwarded to the examiner for consideration in due course.

  
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